(b) whether Government have obtained vital statistics in this regard;

(c) whether any effort has been mad'; to concentrate on the Eastern off-shore oil fields of Andhra Pradesh coast; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) At the current rate of withdrawals, the presently estimated reserves of oil in the Western Off-shore will last for about 21 years.

(b) All relevant data on different oil fields is collected and updated on a regular basis.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Government of India has offered discovered oil fields in the Eastern Off-shore basin including the Andhra Pradesh offshore for development by private sector/joint venture arrangements.

Export of Nuclear Power Plants

767. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Nuclear Power Corporation of India is going to form a consortium of Indian Companies, both in the public and the private sectors, to export nuclear power plants;

(b) if so, whether some countries have shown interest in India designed and built reactors using natural uranium as fuel;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) die names of Indian companies which are likely to join the consortium;

(e) the sources of funds for the proposed consortium; and

(f) the names of the nuclear power plants which the NPC has set up in the past or is in the process of setting up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRL, YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (e) No, Sir. Nuclear Power Corporation has taken the inide-tive in organisation the Indian industrial forum to serve as a common platform for exchanging information on nuclear technology and to promote the cause of nuclear power through active co-operation among the Department of Atomic Energy and other Government agencies, the nuclear industry and the public, The forum would mainly assist in exchange of information, increasing public awareness, promoting international co-operation, undertaking studies and publications, etc. Funds for these activities are proposed to be met through yearly membership fee, donation and sponsorship by the members of the forum. If the stage for actual co-operation on production or trade arises, the Forum can •discuss the modalities.

(f) The nuclear power plants currently in operation are located at Tarapur (TAPS—1 & 2) in Maharashtra, Kota (RAPS—1 & 2) in Rajasthan, Madras (MAPS—1 & 2) in Tamil Nadu, Narora (NAPS—1 & 2) in U.P. and Kakrapar (KAPS—1 & 2) in Gujarat. The plants currently under construction are Kaiga—1 & 2 in Karnataka and Rajasthan—3 & 4. The projects proposed in the Ninth Five Year Plan are Tarapur—3 & 4, Kaiga—3 & 4 and Kudankulam—1 & 2 in Tamil Nadu.

Priority allotment of DDA Rate

768. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of DDA flats allotted on priority by empowered committee since its inception, the date, year-wise, alongwith the details of allottees, giving reasons for making allotments;

(b) the schemes undor which the flats so allotted were constructed and what is the position of the waiting registrants;

(c) whether the allottees on priority basis were registered under any scheme; and